



From the Pastor's Desk:

Temptation is a universal human experience. As proof that there is no sin in being tempted, we see Jesus himself tempted by the devil in today's Gospel passage. As proof that the devil knows every angle to use to tempt each human being, we see in the first reading and the Gospel the clever ways the devil used to tempt both the woman, Eve, and Jesus by appealing to what was most important to them. Sin, of course, occurs when we succumb to the appealing temptations put before us. Don't be too hard on Eve unless you are sure you would have fared any better in her place! Sin entered the world through the woman and her husband, not because they invited it in, but because they couldn't withstand the temptation to "be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." And don't be too dismissive of Jesus, thinking that perhaps his three temptations were easy to resist because, after all, he is God. Jesus certainly is fully God; equally certainly Jesus is fully human. No temptation we endure was beyond him. He knows the power of the evil one trying to get us to turn away from God. As we begin Lent, what better role model and champion could we have to help us overcome our own temptations?

Father William



From Deacon Don's Desk:

In last week's homily I mentioned that "blessed are the poor in spirit" was one that challenged me. I found the meaning of Poor in Spirit that nourished me was: acknowledging God's ownership of everything, and we are responsible to be good stewards of those things with which we have been blessed. We should be faithful servants and not ones who envy, lust, are prideful or prone to gluttony. It means respecting others who we may "put down" through thoughts, words or actions. Bottom line: be humble.

We welcome and congratulate our newly elected Parish Council members: Tim Clark, Ruth Foley, Annemarie Forster, Wendy Gentry, and Javier Munoz. Our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing board members who faithfully served: Laverne Kelly, Olga Kocevar, Jan Minter, Bob Schallmann, and Elizabeth Walton.

Lent has begun, it's that time of year when we focus on getting closer to God. There is a connection with last week's Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes). Lent comes in two parts: 1 - Beginning of Lent's purpose is to bring us to "compunction" - to "puncture" our egos and challenge any deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Christ. "Remember you are dust..." 2 - The second half of John's Gospel call us to conversion, holiness, "beginning anew" to bring justice and love to our enemies.

Get to know what Jesus did for you - come to the **Stations of the Cross** - See what love He has for you.

Our Prayer: Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this time holy by our self-denial. We ask this in Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Bishop Joseph Sartoris Mini Retreat - February 18

Open to all friends and parishioners. Reservations required by Feb. 15. Catered lunch will be served - \$10. Call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287 with questions.

Parish Mission - Our annual parish mission will begin at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, **February 16 & 17** and continue through Wednesday **February 20**. It will be conducted by Fr. Michael Crosby, O.F.M. Capuchin. Fr. Crosby is a noted speaker at the annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Father has also written several books, among them, The Prayer that Jesus Taught and The Seven Last Words. Sessions will be after the 8 am Mass and at 7:30 pm.

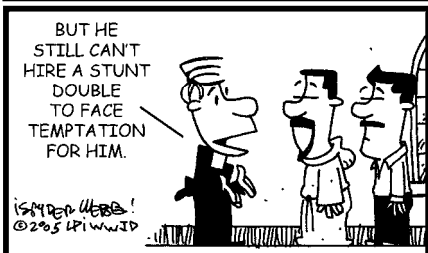
Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Rodolfo Morales
Willie Carroll
John Williams



1st SUNDAY OF LENT



Small Faith Community

Scripture Focus - Following his baptism, Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days. There he faced the same temptations to stop trusting God's care and power that Adam and Eve faced in the Garden of Eden, the same temptations faced by the Israelites in their forty year journey through the desert to the Promised Land. Jesus shares the experience of his people but stays faithful and trusting. We now follow Jesus as God's people chosen in the New Covenant. We share his experience and seek the faith he lived so completely.

- Life Focus** - * Describe an experience when you felt abandoned but help came. * *Share an experience in your life when you stayed true to the person you believed in.* * Relate an experience when you were able to identify God's support in a difficult choice you made. * *Recall an experience when you had to trust without assurance.* * What was your most recent desert experience?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary: No class on Sunday, **February 17**, due to the President's Day Holiday.

Sacrament Program: First Penance Workshop for our **Second Year** families will take place **February 24** from **2:00 - 4:30 pm** in the hall. This is a required workshop for parents and children from both the school and religious education program. Childcare will be provided for siblings.

Confirmation: Next session for our **Year 1** candidates is **today**. All first year candidates should attend the **12:30 pm Mass** with either a parent or sponsor. The session for candidates only will follow Mass in the hall until **3:30 pm**.

Early Childhood: Regular class today. No class next week. Please pray for our President & that our country will elect a candidate dedicated to protecting our constitution.

Sunday Nursery: We have caretakers for the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses, holidays included!

Inquiry Class: This class is for adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church, but have not received other Sacraments are also invited. For more information, please call Olga or Shane Cuda at 493-0541.

"The Power to Forgive and Reconcile" - Feb. 24, Claire Yzaguirre, a Catholic licensed psychologist and marriage and family therapist will be speaking to our Sacrament Preparation parents on the topic of forgiveness and reconciliation. We invite the parish community to also attend this very informative and enlightening presentation. The talk will start at **2:00 pm** in the hall for approximately one hour. Please feel free to join us for this portion of our workshop. Questions? Please call Religious Ed 598-0519.

Women's Twilight Retreat - Sr. Kathleen from St. Cornelius will once again host a wonderful women's retreat on Thursday, **Feb.28**, in the large hall at St. Cornelius from **6-9 pm**. There will be "supper, prayer, sharing, fellowship and surprises from God!" An RSVP is required due to the large numbers. Please call Sr. Kathleen, **496-3224**, or email at skrburns11@msn.com. For more information, you may call our Religious Ed. Office, 598-0519.

Dr. Vicki Dendinger will be back on **Feb. 25**. Her topic for this month is **Sacred Encounter: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**.

The Seven Last Words of Christ - St. Anthony Church, 600 Olive Ave, **Feb. 15**, seating at 12:45 pm. This Lenten season, be moved to the depth of your soul. Experience wonderful music and interludes of inspirational reflections. Help St. Anthony High School bring back the band. Call 435-4496 ext. 1222 for reservations. \$20 with reservations, \$25 at door.

Abstinence in Lent - all persons 14 and older must abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting - on Good Friday for persons 18 - 58. One full meatless meal, two smaller meals to maintain strength.



Dues are due! Still only \$5 per year.

Feb. 18 - Mini Retreat guest speaker Bishop Sartoris.

Reservations are a must. Last day to sign up: Feb. 15.

9:30: Coffee, tea, juice & snack will be served

10:00: Lecture by the bishop

11:30: Mass in the church

12:30: Catered lunch

1:15: Lecture and question and answer period

2:30-3: closing prayer

Note: Times are approximate. **Retreat is open to all!**

Any questions - call Olga 596-6981 or Betty 596-8287.

St. Cecilia's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12. Please join us at noon at the El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant. Questions, please call Ruth, 431-0288.

Religious Education Congress

Excellent speakers from all over the United States will be featured at this year's Religious Education Congress taking place on **Feb. 29**, and **March 1 & 2**. Topics cover a variety of areas from personal spirituality to parenting, liturgy, and current church issues. Popular speaker, Matthew Kelly, will be featured on both Friday and Saturday. For further information, please contact our religious education office or go online to www.RECongress.org.

Parish Lenten Calendar

- Feb. 10 First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 15 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Feb. 17 Second Sunday of Lent - Parish Mission at Mass
- Feb. 18 Mini Retreat with Bishop Sartoris 9:30 am - 3 pm
Parish Mission 7:30 pm
- Feb. 19 Parish Mission 7:30 pm
- Feb. 20 Parish Mission and Penance Service - 7:30 pm
- Feb. 22 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Feb. 24 Third Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 25 Dr. Vicki Dendinger - 7:30 pm in the church
- Feb. 29 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 6 Eucharistic Adoration - 6 pm to 8 pm
- Mar. 7 Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 14 **No** Stations of the Cross - First Reconciliation
- Mar. 16 Palm Sunday
Rel. Ed. Stations of the Cross - 11:15 on field
- Mar. 17 Chrism Mass - Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels
- Mar. 20 Holy Thursday - Morning Prayer 8 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm
Adoration after Mass until 11 pm
- Mar. 21 Good Friday - Morning Prayer 8 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Mar. 22 Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer - 8 am
Great Vigil and Eucharist of Easter - 8 pm
- Mar. 23 Easter Sunday - regular Sunday Mass schedule

St. Joseph School News

St. Joseph Elementary School is accepting applications for our Kindergarten program for the 2008 - 2009 school year. Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2008. Please call the school office at (562)596-6115 for an application.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our school in the School Support Envelope during Catholic Schools Week. Your donations will enable me to help families that are experiencing financial difficulties remain in our school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Brigid Considine, Principal

Lent - Making Our Faith Stronger - Have you decided what you will be giving up for Lent? Besides sacrificing eating a favorite food or participating in a favorite activity, how about working on increasing your faith & relationship with God? We have several opportunities for spiritual enrichments by attending our Parish Mission, a spiritual evening with Dr. Dendinger, or the Religious Education Congress. Don't have time to attend these events? Come to our parish library and find a book, CD, tape, or video to enrich your spirituality. We have many wonderful items to choose from and you can use them in the comfort of your home. Please feel free to come & browse on Sunday mornings after the 9 am Mass.

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Whether you are a long-time resident, newly arrived, or a visitor, we wish you the Peace, Joy and Love of Christ.

Everyone 18 years and older is invited to register and become a member of our parish community. If we can help you in any way, please call us at **562-594-4657**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

- I would like to register
- This is a change of address and/or phone
- I am moving out of the parish

Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox.



Join us this New Year!

Please watch for the **Homeless Kits** envelopes on the cross in back of church. Due to the growing demand of **homeless women**, some envelopes will list items for women. Please feel free to chose either.

Feb 16, 17 - Homeless Kit envelopes on cross.

Feb 23, 24, Mar. 1, 2 - Return homeless kits to church.

Mar. 8, 9 - Feed-A-Baby - bring non-perishable food like cereal, jars, etc. Paper products also accepted. Volunteers will deliver donations to Catholic Charities for the babies.

Easter is so early this year we are preparing for Easter Gift Basket Delivery - **March 15**. If all drivers arrive by 8:30 am, we could leave at 8:45! Deal or no deal?

We have been told about a woman looking for house cleaning work. She has transportation and is a family member of one of our Gift Basket families. You can call us.

Please keep using the **BLUE "Skip-a-Meal" Envelopes**. Your donations are so appreciated, they fund our programs! Make checks to St. Joseph Church, memo: Skip-A-Meal.

Thank you again for all you do and share with our needy brothers/sisters!! John & Jan Minter 430-5839.

ACCW - The Southeastern District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a District Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Barnabas Parish, 3955 Orange Avenue, Long Beach. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes an interesting speaker, Mass, luncheon and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$10 pre-paid! Make check payable and mail to: Marlene Groh, 4325 Gaviota Ave., Long Beach 90807 before Feb. 22 deadline. For info, call Nancy Glenn 997-8827 or Verna Hammer 633-2503. All Catholic women are automatically members of ACCW and are invited to attend.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Based on today's Bible readings)

Adult: What distracts me from being alone with God? Busyness? Demands of life? TV? Internet?

Child: What do I plan to do during Lent as a way of showing I want to grow closer to Jesus?

Teen: When I feel tempted to do the wrong things, what do I do?

Commitment of Treasure

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:9-10

I understand that St. Joseph Church is asking all parishioners to review the amount that they give to the parish offertory and determine whether that amount is enough, too much, or not enough.

My/Our **new** average commitment **per week** for the next 12 months is:

- \$100
- \$75
- \$50
- \$40
- \$35
- \$30
- \$25
- \$20
- \$15
- Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Envelope # (if known): _____ I don't receive envelopes but would like to: _____

For questions, please call the rectory at **594-4657**. Please drop in the collection basket or rectory mailbox. Thank you!

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, February 9
 5:00 PM - † Mary Jane Merk
SUNDAY, February 10
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Eleanor T. Connell
 10:30 AM - † Sgt. Michael J. Tetreault, Jr.
 12:30 PM - † Donald Peters
MONDAY, February 11
 8:00 AM - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, living
TUESDAY, February 12
 8:00 AM - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, living
WEDNESDAY, February 13
 8:00 AM - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, living
THURSDAY, February 14
 8:00 AM - † Tom Steiner, CHP
FRIDAY, February 15
 8:00 AM - Fr. Vincenzo Antolini
SATURDAY, February 16
 5:00 PM - † John Anselmo, Anniversary
SUNDAY, February 17
 7:30 AM - Intentions of St. Joseph Parishioners
 9:00 AM - † Tim O'Donnell
 10:30 AM - Josefina Freijanes, living
 12:30 PM - † Jim Aimerito

Please remember in your prayers the men and women of the Armed Forces who are currently serving our country in the Middle East and elsewhere, especially those of our parish families, including:

Vincent Vezzetti	Amy Mann
Glen Warren	Nick Compton
Joseph Comfort	Irene Avila
Peter LuPiba	Scott Williams
Justin Ray	Timothy Ring
Hoang-Long Tran	Chris Shaw

We would like to have a framed picture of your loved one serving in the Service to display in the back of the church. Please include a number so we can contact you.
 To add a name to the list, please call the rectory, 594-4657.



Last week: \$13,123
 Last year: \$13,531

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Fair - April 25, 26 & 27

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene & Marjorie Dryer, Stacey Cormier, Jeanne Sexton, Bert Willis, Mary Mariano, Tony Bernardo, Margaret DeRuyter, Hugo Jorda, Jim Correira, Sharon Conroy, Cliff & Patricia Lowen, Joy Mann, Joseph Eno, Sr, Ginny Kennebeck, Osiries Gonzalez, Nancy Vandrosek, Richard Parent, Marlene Muccino, James Clinton, John Williams, Aurel Demian, James Garcia Mendoza, Daniele Pieters, Dana Moler, John Minter, Josephine Keller and Sean Berry.

LITURGY

DIRECTOR of LITURGY	Fr. William	594-4657
ALTAR CARE	Mary Jelnick	429-2529
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Gene Ensich	421-0147
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ALTAR SERVERS	Ann Crowley	594-7575
	annbakercrowley@yahoo.com	
DIRECTOR of MUSIC	Vivian Doughty	422-5430
CHURCH SACRISTANS	Lily & Joe Dang	493-2198

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

562-596-6115

PRINCIPAL	Brid Considine
VICE-PRINCIPAL	Carole Dellavalle
SECRETARIES	Vera Feliciani & Bridget Paluska
PTO PRESIDENT	Nancy Gallegos

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

562-598-0519

DIRECTOR of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Virginia Young
SECRETARY	Veronica Gibb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL	Virginia Young	598-0519
CONFIRMATION	Marianna Wescott	598-0519
EARLY CHILDHOOD	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
LITURGY/CHILDREN	Virginia Young	598-0519
RCIC (Children)	Virginia Young	598-0519
SUNDAY NURSERY	Shannon Carpenter	430-6840
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA INQUIRY	Shane & Olga Cuda	594-4657
RCIA	Peter Baine	598-4130
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Roman & Julia Escoto	425-4834
	Terri Traucht	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Nancy Miller	429-2546
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Bob Schallmann	594-0917
FINANCE COUNCIL	Randall Ely	430-0142
	rely5@verizon.net	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660
	msanty@verizon.net	
FAMILY ROUND TABLE	Marianne Schaeffer	594-8678
MOVEMENT FOR A BETTER WORLD	John & Jan Minter	430-5839
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL	Michelle Needham	477-3647
SENIOR GROUP	Betty Maligie	596-8287
TOGETHER IN MISSION	Victoria Higgins	597-6979
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Ron Steiner	431-7703
ENGAGED ENCOUNTER	Jim & Theresa Murphy	431-5025
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom & Pat Halliwell	799-0921
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Mimi Bloeser	597-0785
GIRL SCOUTS	Cynthia Stabelfeldt	421-8492
CUB SCOUTS	Douglas Alchorn	594-9407
BOY SCOUTS	Bill Higbee	425-6124

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
 PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES IN WRITING WITH NAME & PHONE